

WE ARE MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY
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"In Christ, we who are many form one Body, and each member belongs to all the others." Rom. 12:5 (NIV)

"...let us do good to all people, especially those who belong to the family of believers." Gal. 6:10 (NIV)

I. THE GROWTH OF THE 1st CHURCH (JERUSALEM)

- Acts 1:15 *"120 believers"*
- Acts 2:41 *"3000 were added to the church that day"*
- Acts 2:47 *"the Lord added daily those being saved"*
- Acts 4:4 *"the number of men grew to 5,000"*
- Acts 5:14 *"more & more believed & a multitude was added"*
- Acts 5:28 *"you've filled Jerusalem with your teachings"*
- Acts 6:1 *"the number of disciples rapidly multiplied"*
- Acts 6:7 *"the number of believers increased rapidly"*
- Acts 21:20 *"tens of thousands have become believers"*

II. WHERE DID THEY MEET?

"(They met) day after day, in the TEMPLE COURTS AND from HOUSE TO HOUSE..." Acts 5:42

- LARGE GROUP _____
"They met together at the Temple Courts..." Acts 2:46 (NLT)
- SMALL GROUP _____
"Greet the church that meets in their home." Rom. 16:5 (NLT)

ADVANTAGES: Homes are...

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7 MARKS OF A HEALTHY GROUP: ACTS 2:42-47

1. _____
"They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching..."
2. _____
"They devoted themselves... to the fellowship"
"They ate together with glad and sincere hearts"
3. _____

“They devoted themselves... to the breaking of bread”

4. _____
“They devoted themselves... to prayer”

5. _____
“They gave to anyone as he had a need...”

6. _____
“They praised God and enjoyed the favor of all the people”

7. _____
“Everyday, the number in their group continued to grow as the Lord added those who were being saved”

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